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SUBJ: PROTECTIVE SERVICES FOR US FISHING VESSELS IN
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1. THE EMBASSY'S CONSULAR SECTION HAS NOT BEEN CALLED UPON IN RECENT PAST TO OFFER ANY PROTECTIVE SERVICES TO U.S. FLAG FISHING VESSELS WHICH VIOLATE SURINAMESE LAWS OR REGULATIONS. HOWEVER, U.S. FLAG FISHING VESSELS BASED IN SURINAM HAVE OCCASIONALLY POST PROTECTION PROBLEMS TO OTHER POSTS. WITH THE RECENT PASSAGE AND PROMULGATION OF SURINAM'S 200 MILE ECONOMIC ZONE IT CAN BE EXPECTED THAT U.S. VESSELS MAY, IN THE FUTURE, REQUIRE PROTECTIVE SERVICES OF US, AS WELL. IN SUCH CASES, BASED UPON THE POSTS EXPERIENCES IN PROVIDING PROTECTIVE SERVICES TO INDIVIDUAL U.S. CITIZENS WE COULD EXPECT THE GOS TO PROVIDE US CONSULAR OFFICERS WITH PROMPT NOTIFICATION AND READY ACCESS TO ANY US CREW AND VESSEL SEIZED IN VIOLATION OF SURINAM'S 200 MILE ECONOMIC ZONE.

2. AT PRESENT THERE ARE SIX US FLAG FISHING VESSELS OPERATING OUT OF PARAMARIBO.. ALL ARE UNDER CONTRACT TO CASTLE AND COOK'S SURINAM SUBSIDIARY, SAIL. THEY ARE THE NANCY M AND THE BARBARA M
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OWNED BY CASTLE AND COOK, THE SEONWHA OWNED BY THE KOREAN COMPANY, HANDGIN AND THE WORLD FISHERIES NO. 1 3 AND 4 OWNED BY ANOTHER KOREAN FIRM SEU FISHERIES. NONE OF THE ABOVE BOATS HAVE ANY AMERICAN CREW AND TO THE BEST OF ANYONES KNOWLEDGE NONE HAVE EVER REQUESTED ANY CONSULAR SERVICES FROM THE EMBASSY. IF ANY OF THESE VESSELS WERE TO REQUIRE PROTECTIVE SERVICES, IT WOULD BE UNDERSTANDABLE THAT A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT SHOULD

QUESTION USG INTEREST, IN VIEW OF THE FOREIGN
MANNING AND IN MOST CASES THE FOREIGN OWNERSHIP OF THESE BOATS.
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